GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5868
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2003
IMPORT OF REFINED BLEACHED PALMOLEIN
SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the allocation of refined bleached and deoderant palmolein for distribution through PDS has been stopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government of Gujarat has sought permission for import of 18000 tonnes ofcrude palmolein through STC with 45 per cent duty under the TRQ; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In view of the easy availability of edible oils at comparable prices in domestic market, it has been decided for the time being not to import edible oils (RBD Palmolein) on the Central Government account for the PDS. The States/UTs have been advised to avail of the Tariff Rate Quota as notified by Department of Commerce, for the year 2002-03, for the purpose of importingspecified edible oil for the PDS through the designated canalizing agencies, if felt, necessary by them.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The request of the State Government of Gujarat for reduction in import duty wasforwarded to the concerned Ministries i.e. Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Commerce & Industry.